

Amendments to the Claims:

This list of claims supercedes and replaces any all prior lists claims.

1. **(Currently Amended)** A thin-film coated toner that is a powder toner, with a softening temperature ranging from 50 to 150°C whose surface is coated substantially continuously with the thin film comprising a thermosetting resin, wherein said powder toner is a ground toner.
2. **(Currently Amended)** A thin-film coated toner according to claim 1, wherein said powder toner having a fusing temperature that is 145° or lower.
3. **(Original)** A thin-film coated toner according to claims 1 or 2, wherein the thermosetting resin is a urea-base resin or a melamine-base resin.
4. **(Original)** A thin-film coated toner according to claims 3, wherein the urea-base resin is formed by resinifying a precursor of a concentrated urea-base resin on the surface of the power toner while avoiding fusing the powder toner.
5. **(Original)** A thin-film coated toner according to claim 3, wherein the urea-base resin is formed by resinifying a urea-base resin precursor mixture which comprises at least either one of a urea and a urea derivative and at least either one of a formaldehyde and formaldehyde derivative on the surface of the powder toner, while avoiding fusing the powder toner.

resinifying the raw material while avoiding fusing the powder toner, and coating a surface of the powder toner with the thin film comprising the thermosetting resin.

11. **(Withdrawn)** A method for producing a thin-film coated toner, comprising steps of:

emulsion-polymerizing a toner ingredient that comprises a binder resin monomer as a raw material for a binder resin to prepare a dispersion of a powder toner;

mixing a monomer of a thermosetting resin or a pre-polymer of a thermosetting resin as a raw material for the thermosetting resin into the dispersion of the powder toner; and

resinifying the monomer of the thermosetting resin or the pre-polymer of the thermosetting resin while avoiding fusing the powder toner, and coating a surface of the powder toner with the thin film comprising the thermosetting resin.

12. **(Withdrawn)** A method for producing the thin-film coated toner according to claims 10 or 11, further comprising a step of aggregating the powder toner.

13. **(Withdrawn)** A method for producing the thin-film coated toner according to one of claims 10 to 12, further comprising a step of heating the powder toner in a temperature range that causes no thermal breakage of the thin film to fuse the powder toner.